

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 19-A: DOMESTIC RELATIONS**  
**Chapter 65: SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**

**§2360. SETOFF OF DEBTS AGAINST LOTTERY WINNINGS**

**1. Notice to Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.** The department shall periodically notify the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, referred to in this section as the "bureau," of all persons who owe the department a child support debt that has been liquidated by judicial or administrative action. Prior to paying any state lottery winnings that must be paid directly by the bureau, the bureau shall determine whether the lottery winner is on the list of persons who owe a child support debt to the State that has been liquidated by judicial or administrative action. If the winner is on a list of persons who owe child support debts, the bureau shall suspend payment of winnings and notify the winner of its intention to offset the winner's child support debt against the winnings. The bureau shall notify the winner of the winner's right to request a hearing before the department within 15 days of the winner's receipt of that notice. The hearing is limited to the questions of whether the debt is liquidated and whether post-liquidation events have affected the winner's liability. The decision of the department as to the existence of a liquidated debt constitutes final agency action. If, within 90 days of the notice of intended setoff to the winner, the department certifies to the bureau that the winner did not make a timely request for hearing or that a hearing was held and the debt was upheld, the bureau shall offset the liquidated debt against the winnings due to the winner. Any remaining winnings are paid to the winner. If the bureau does not hear from the department within 90 days of the notice of intended setoff to the winner, the bureau shall release all winnings to the winner.

[ 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF) . ]

**2. Notice to Tri-state Lotto Commission.** The department shall periodically notify the Tri-state Lotto Commission of all persons who owe the department a child support debt that has been liquidated by judicial or administrative action.

[ 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

1995, c. 694, §B2 (NEW). 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF).

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